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In re Application of:

Vaughn Keenan et al.

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For: **OVERHEAD PROJECTION
SYSTEM**

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DECLARATION OF VAUGHN KEENAN UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Vaughn E. Keenan, having a post office address at 4216 - 53 Street N.E.,
Calgary, Alberta, T1Y 4B3, Canada, hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the
above-identified U.S. patent application. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of at
least independent Claims 1, 24, and 45 therein. I have reviewed the subject application, the
April 18, 2002 Official Action, and the Amendment being submitted concurrently herewith,
in preparing this Declaration.

2. I conceived the subject matter of at least the inventions recited in
independent Claims 1, 24, and 45 prior to the March 3, 1999 filing date of U.S. Patent No.
6,179,426 to Rodriguez, Jr. et al. Furthermore, I acted to diligently reduce to practice the
subject matter of at least the inventions recited in independent Claims 1, 24, and 45 from the
conception thereof up to at least March 3, 1999, in NAFTA member country Canada.
Moreover, from a date prior to March 3, 1999, I diligently continued to work to refine the
subject matter of at least the inventions recited in independent Claims 1, 24, and 45, and I
aver that a constructive reduction to practice of that subject matter occurred at least as of the

filing of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/810,431 on March 19, 2001.

3. Enclosed as Exhibits A and B are copies of drawings illustrating the conceived invention recited in independent Claims 1, 24, and 45. These drawings were created prior to March 3, 1999, and establish that the invention was conceived prior to March 3, 1999. These drawings also provide evidence that the invention was being diligently reduced to practice from the conception thereof up to at least March 3, 1999.

4. Exhibits A and B show an overhead projection system including:
an overhead projector support assembly extending outwardly from a generally vertical support surface in a generally horizontal disposition;
a display screen having a display surface mounted on said support surface beneath said projector support assembly; and
a projector mounted on said projector support assembly and aimed to project images onto the display surface of said display screen. (See Claim 1.)

5. Exhibits A and B also show an overhead projection system including:
an overhead projector support assembly extending outwardly from a generally vertical support surface in a generally horizontal disposition;
a display screen having a display surface mounted on said support surface beneath said projector support assembly;
a projector mounted on said projector support assembly; and
at least one reflective surface positioned to reflect images projected by said projector onto said display surface. (See Claim 24.)

6. Exhibits A and B also show an overhead projection system including:
a display screen having a display surface lying in a generally vertical plane;
a boom extending outwardly in a generally horizontal orientation above said display screen; and
a projector mounted on said boom, said projector projecting that are displayed on said display surface. (See Claim 45.)

7. Therefore, it is evident that the present application claims an invention

that was conceived of and being diligently reduced to practice prior to March 3, 1999.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Declared at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, this 18th day of October, 2002.



Vaughn E. Keenan